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1. CHANCELLOR SCHMIDT HELD A PRESS CONFERENCE
SEPTEMBER 16 PRIMARILY TO DISCUSS THE SEPTEMBER 14
"INFORMAL DINNER" IN PARIS. SCHMIDT STRESSED THAT THIS
WAS A PRIVATE AND INFORMAL GET-TOGETHER, AND REJECTED
CALLING IT A SUMMIT. HE SAID THAT SUCH INFORMAL
MEETINGS WILL CONTINUE TO BE HELD, AND THAT IN THE
FUTURE IT WILL ALSO BE POSSIBLE FOR FOREIGN MINISTERS
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TO PARTICIPATE. ACCORDING TO SCHMIDT, THESE INFORMAL

DISCUSSIONS WILL PERMIT THE HOLDING OF AN OFFICIAL MEETING OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT BEFORE THE END OF THE YEAR. TO HELP ENSURE SUCCESS, THE AGENDA FOR THIS MEETING WILL BE RESTRICTED TO ITEMS PREVIOUSLY DISCUSSED IN FULL AND ON WHICH FINAL AGREEMENT IS POSSIBLE.

2. THE CHANCELLOR SAID THAT THE RULES AGREED AT THE INFORMAL DINNER PERMITTED HIM TO SPEAK ONLY ABOUT TOPICS WHICH HE HIMSELF HAD RAISED:

1) BALANCE OF PAYMENTS PROBLEMS AND POSSIBLE SOLUTIONS.

2) CRUDE OIL AND RAW MATERIAL PRICES WHICH HAVE CONTRIBUTED TO INFLATION AND THE CURRENT PAYMENTS IMBALANCES.

3) INFLATION, TOGETHER WITH UNEMPLOYMENT PROBLEMS.

4) AGRICULTURAL POLICY. SCHMIDT SAID HE PROPOSED UNDERTAKING AN IN-DEPTH INVENTORY OF THE CAP.

5) INTRANSPARENCY OF EUROPEAN INSTITUTIONS. ACCORDING TO SCHMIDT, THERE ARE FAR TOO MANY BODIES CONCERNED WITH EACH PROBLEM, LEADING TO A COMPLEXITY THAT IS ALTOGETHER UNNECESSARY. SCHMIDT DID NOT COVER IN ANY DETAIL THE POINTS HE MADE WITH RESPECT TO THESE TOPICS. HE DID ADD THAT THEY WOULD BE TAKEN UP AT HOME BY THE PARTICIPANTS IN THE DINNER, AND THAT HE WAS CONFIDENT THAT THESE DISCUSSIONS WOULD LEAD TO SUCCESSFUL SOLUTIONS. HILLENBRAND

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